



City of Olympia

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Meeting Minutes City Council

Saturday, January 12, 2013

9:00 AM

LOTT Board Room, 500 Adams St. NE

Council Retreat, Jan 11 & 12, 2013

1. ROLL CALL

Present: 7 - Mayor Stephen H. Buxbaum, Mayor Pro Tem Nathaniel Jones, Councilmember Jim Cooper, Councilmember Julie Hankins, Councilmember Steve Langer, Councilmember Jeannine Roe and Councilmember Karen Rogers

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City Council Annual Retreat

Attachments: [1. AGENDA](#)

Other attendees include:

City Manager Steve Hall
Assistant City Manager Jay Burney
Communications Manager Cathie Butler
Facilitator Kendra Dahlen

The Council met on Friday, January 11, from 12:00 Noon to 5:30 pm, and on Saturday, January 12, from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm in the LOTT Clean Water Alliance Board Room.

The Council established the following priorities for 2013:

Adopt a Sustainable Budget

Goals:

- Make our budgetary process transparent, simple and accessible so that everyone knows how and when to be involved
- Protect and strengthen core services as well as identify strategic investments
- Build and maintain reserves so that we can continue services when times are bad
- Manage our debt level responsibly
- Ensure all resources are used responsibly and effectively

Desired outcome: We have adequate revenues and reserves to support the social, economic and environmental values of the community.

Champion Downtown

Goals:

- Increase commerce and private investment
- Create a safer, cleaner and more welcoming downtown for all to enjoy
- Develop partnerships to expand desirable public spaces
- Play a greater role in developing the vision and enhancing the image of downtown

Desired outcome: More people will want to work, live, shop and play here, and increase the revenue base.

Change the Culture of Community Development**Goals:**

- Invest in a proactive system that encourages collaboration in formulating and implementing plans
- Engage neighborhoods to plan their own future so that investments reflect community values
- Encourage a staff culture of community involvement and dialogue
- Increase revenue base so that we can provide the enriching services and environmental stewardship that the community values
- Align plans and ordinances so that plans can be implemented

Desired outcome: We achieve the growth and development as defined by the community in the Comprehensive Plan.

Inspire Strong Relationships**Goals:**

- Develop stronger and healthier regional partnerships
- Enrich public participation so that the community has a role in shaping public policy
- Fully engage advisory committees and the coalition of neighborhood associations
- Make homelessness a collaborative, regional priority so that we can establish an effective service delivery system

Desired outcome: We get things done most efficiently, foster trust, stay connected, and move forward together.

Council agreed on the following key issues for 2013:

- Independent Cultural change towards Community, Planning
- Complete Comprehensive Plan Update
- Explore Marketing and Economic Development Opportunities

Council then discussed and agreed on the following assignments:

Alliance for a Healthy South Sound

Delegate: Andy Haub, Staff

Alternate: Julie Hankins

Joint Animal Services

Delegate: Jeannine Roe
Alternate: Karen Rogers

Capitol Lake Adaptive Management Committee

Delegate: Stephen Buxbaum
Alternate: Steve Langer

Communication Board (TCCOM911)

Delegate: Julie Hankins
Alternate: Jeannine Roe

Economic Development Council

Delegate: Karen Rogers
Alternate: Stephen Buxbaum

EMSS (Medic 1)

Delegate: Karen Rogers
Alternate: Greg Wright (staff)

Intercity Transit Authority Board

Delegate: Nathaniel Jones
Alternate: Karen Rogers

Law & Justice Council

Delegate: Karen Rogers
Alternate: Steve Langer

LEOFF Disability Board

Delegate: Jim Cooper
Alternate: Jeannine Roe

LOTT Board of Directors

Delegate: Steve Langer
Alternate: Julie Hankins

Olympic Region Clean Air Agency

Delegate: Jim Cooper
Alternate: None

Regional Transportation Policy Board

Delegate: Karen Rogers
Alternate: Stephen Buxbaum

Sustainable Thurston Task Force

Delegate: Stephen Buxbaum
Alternate: Jim Cooper

Regional Health and Human Services Council

Delegate: Jim Cooper

Alternate: Jeannine Roe

Thurston County HOME Consortium

Delegate: Jim Cooper

Alternate: Stephen Buxbaum

Thurston County Solid Waste Advisory Committee

Delegate: Staff / Nathaniel Jones when needed

Thurston Regional Planning Council

Delegate: Nathaniel Jones

Alternate: Stephen Buxbaum

Visitors and Convention Bureau

Delegate: Julie Hankins

Alternate: Karen Rogers

Ad Hoc Community Renewal Area

Delegates: Stephen Buxbaum, Nathaniel Jones, Steve Langer

Liaison to The Washington Center Board

Jeannine Roe

Lodging Tax Advisory Committee

Julie Hankins, Chair

Mayors Forum

Stephen Buxbaum

PBIA Liaison Board

Delegate: Jeannine Roe;

Alternate: Julie Hankins

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Stephen Buxbaum, Chair

Nathaniel Jones

Jim Cooper

GENERAL GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE

Jeannine Roe, Chair

Jim Cooper

Karen Rogers

LAND USE AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Steve Langer, Chair

Jeannine Roe
Julie Hankins

Council then discussed public participation and steps to make it more inclusive.

The retreat adjourned at 5:00 pm, Saturday, January 12, 2013.

The report was received.